issue prices, ex-FCI godown, that is fixed by the Government of India. To this the State Governmnts add a suitable margin and issue the foodgrains.

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

1403. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

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Will the Mininter of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what were the target set for the procurement of foodgrains during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) how far these have been realised;

(c) whether there have been shortfall in procurement recently;

(d) if so, the reasons therof; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The procurement of wheat and paddy for the Central pool under the price support scheme being totally voluntary and the procurement of levy-rice from millers/traders being dependent on the quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of wheat and rice.

(b) A quantity of 63.80 lakh tonnes of wheat and 108.34 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice have been procured upto 26-2-93 and 2-3-93 respectively in the current 1992-93 rabi and kharif marketing seasons as compared to 77.52 lakh tonnes of wheat and 102.47 lakh tonnes of rice procured during the last 1991-92 rabi and kharif marketing seasons respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. There has been shortfall in procurement of wheat during 1992-93 rabi marketing season as compared to tne previous year.

(d) The main reasons for lower procurement of wheat were higher oper market prices of wheat less mandi arrivals in main wheat producing States, larger purchases by traders and possible holding back of stocks by farmers in anticipation of better prices later during the year.

(e) For the 1993-94 rabi marketing season beginning on 1-4-1993 an incentive bonus of Rs. 25 per quintal has been announced. This will be payable by the Central Government to farmers who sell their wheat to Food Corporation of India and State procuring agencies during the peak procurement period from 1st April to 30th June, 1993. This bonus will be over and above the minimum support price of Rs. 305 per quintal fixed for the 1993-94 rabi marketing season. Besides this all other steps including opening of adequate number of purchase centres and making arrangements for prompt payment of the price to the farmers etc. are being taken to ensure better procurement during the coming rabi season.

Procurement of Foodgrains by some States

1404. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of imported and indigenously produced foodgrains procured for the public distributions system in Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Manarashtra, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the monthly quota of supply of foodgrains for public distibution system in these states;

(c) what were the anticipated gap in tne procurement and supply of